Further. IMD operates a VSAT based digital telemetry system for close monitoring of seismic activity in and around Delhi.

(d) Over the peninsular India for the last three years, 3 earthquakes of magnitude 5 and above and 71 earthquakes of magnitude 3.5 to 4.9 on the Richter Scale have been recorded.

During the same period, 8 flood events have been experienced over the peninsular India covering States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Orissa etc.

(e) Ministry of Home Affairs and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have made arrangements to combat the disasters from floods and tsunamis. The Ministry of Water Resources issues warning for floods after receiving rainfall forecasts from IMD. INCOIS issues warning about Tsunami. NDMA is developing guidelines to combat each type of disaster.

Requirements of food processing facilities in Rajasthan

2760. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated requirement of food processing facilities and the availability of such facilities in Rajasthan;

(b) the loss caused due to lack of such facilities;

(c) the total number of food processing units running in the State, at present;

(d) the total investment in and production by these units; and

(e) the details of financial assistance provided by Government during the last three years for setting up of new processing units and cold storages in the State and the utilization thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any specific study/survey of the demand, availability, etc. of food processing facilities in the State of Rajasthan. However, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Units. The Ministry has been implementing various other Plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries in the country including Rajasthan. Under these schemes financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is provided for development of infrastructure, human resource development, promotion of quality assurance, Codex Standards and R & D and other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries. The Ministry has conducted 23 training programmes for prospective entrepreneurs through the Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) and Food Processing Training Centres (FPTCs) during the Tenth Plan period. The Ministry has provided financial grant of Rs.840.32 lakhs for setting up, expansion and modernization of food processing industries and Rs.4992.87 lakhs for setting up of food parks in various locations in the State of Rajasthan during the Tenth Plan period.

(c) and (d) Food Processing Industries are both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such data of food processing units in the country, including that of Rajasthan is not centrally maintained. However, during the Tenth Plan period, namely, 2002-03 to 2006-07, 143 applications claiming grant for Setting Up/ Expansion/Modernization of Food Processing Industries in Rajasthan have been received in the Ministry.

(e) The amount of grant approved in respect of applications received from food processing units in Rajasthan during the last three years for setting up/expansion/ modernization of food processing units is as follows:–

Year	Number of applications approved	Amount Rs. in lakhs
2004-05	03	10.83
2005-06	10	106.80
2006-07	25	471.06

No assistance for setting up of cold storages in the State has been provided during the above period.

Processing of foodgrains in cottage industries

†2761. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains processed in cottage industries in the country; whether steps are being taken to train the entrepreneurs working in the cottage industry sector and to modernize the enterprises functioning in this sector; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) Data on quantity of foodgrains processed in cottage industries in the country is not available.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan Scheme of setting up of Food Processing Training Centres to promote development of rural entrepreneurship and transfer of technology for processing of food products by utilizing locally grown raw materials and providing hands on experience at such production-cum-training centres, while according priority to persons belonging to SC/ST/OBC and women. A grant of Rs.2.00 lakhs for fixed capital costswith Rs.1.00 lakh as revolving seed capital is provided for a single product line centre and Rs. 7.50 lakhs for multi-product line Centres with revolving seed capital of Rs.2.00 lakhs. The implementing agency is required to deploy qualified trainer, provide accommodation/infrastructure and utilize locally grown raw material. The Ministry has also been implementing Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDP) by providing financial assistance for conduct of

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